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FROM EARLIEST CHILDHOOD BILL CASEY AND LEW FLORES HAD BEEN COMPETITORS FOR MY SMILES! AS WE GREW UP, THE TWO BOYS DRIFTED FURTHER APART, EACH TO HIS OWN WAY OF LIFE! BUT THEIR RIVALRY WENT ON AND INEVITABLY I, KATHY LAKE, HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM...CHOOSE BETWEEN THE WORK AND WORRY OF LIFE AS A POLICEMAN'S WIFE... OR THE MINK AND CHAMPAGNE GAITY OF A HALF-WORLD WHERE ONLY SUCKERS WORK!

Rich Man, Poor Man



To understand my problem you must know the world I grew up in --- the slums of New York's lower east side!



--- the ugly bitterness of life with a brutal stepfather!



Even then Bill and Lew were my constant companions and they knew how I felt!

JUST YOU WAIT! I'LL GET OUT OF THIS FILTHY NEIGHBORHOOD SOME DAY! I'LL REALLY BE SOMEBODY!

STICK WITH ME, KATHY, AND WE'LL GET OUT TOGETHER! I'VE GOT PLANS THAT I'LL PUT US ON EASY STREET!



THAT ISN'T RIGHT, LEW! I DON'T WANT TO RUN AWAY! I WANT TO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR EVERYBODY HERE!

SUCKER TALK! I WANT TO MAKE THINGS BETTER, TOO ... FOR LEW FLORES! ONLY CHUMPS WORK! I'LL MAKE 'EM WORK FOR ME!



As we grew older the rivalry sharpened...and Lew's trickery was already well developed!

OH...! I THOUGHT I COULD CARRY YOUR BOOKS TO SCHOOL TODAY, KATHY!

GET LOST, BOY! I GOT HERE FIRST! YOU GOTTA GET UP EARLY TO GET AHEAD OF LEW FLORES, BILL!



...But so was Bill's dogged patience! The next morning, when I went downstairs for the milk...

BILL CASEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT THIS TIME OF MORNING?

WAITING TO CARRY YOUR BOOKS, KATHY! LEW SAID I'VE GOT TO GET UP EARLY TO BEAT HIM! I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE FIVE!



From the beginning, Bill's idea of settling a question was to face it squarely and have it out!

KATHY'S GOING TO THE STEVEDORE'S DANCE WITH ME TONIGHT! IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

I WILL, LEW... AFTER SCHOOL TONIGHT, IN HAGGERTY'S VACANT LOT!



That afternoon...

I'VE TOLD YOU, LEW... THE STEVEDORE'S DANCE IS NO FIT PLACE TO TAKE KATHY! NOW I'M READY TO CONVINCE YOU!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! YUH THINK I'M DUMB ENOUGH TO TAKE LUMPS JUST TO SATISFY A MUG LIKE YOU?



HEY SPIKE! HERE'S THE SUCKER I WAS TELLIN' YOU ABOUT! HE THINKS HE CAN LICK ANYBODY! LET'S SEE YUH EARN YOUR MONEY!

I'LL SHOW HIM, LEW! I CAN LICK ANYBODY!



LEW FLORES, YOU... YOU'RE LETTING THAT BIG BULLY DO YOUR FIGHTING FOR YOU!

LETTING HIM? I'M PAYING HIM TO LET THOSE DOPES BEAT EACH OTHER UP! WE'VE GOT SOME FUN AHEAD OF US TONIGHT, SUGAR!



In time we all graduated from high school....

LEW! I'M AWARDED YOU THIS SCHOLARSHIP MEDAL.... BUT I THINK YOU WON THE EXAMINATIONS BY CHEATING!

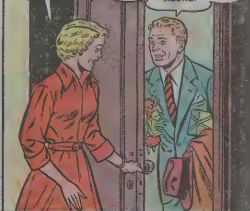
SO WHAT? EITHER PROVE IT OR HAND OVER THE HARDWARE, BUSTER! I GOT A DATE AND YOU'RE MAKIN' ME LATE!



Never will I forget my eighteenth birthday! I had a job then, and a small apartment uptown, far from teeming Delancy Street!

BILL! COME ON IN!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KATHY! YOU MEAN YOU'RE ACTUALLY ALONE?



I... WANTED TO DO SO MUCH MORE, KATHY, BUT ATTENDING POLICE ACADEMY DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH TIME FOR EARNING MONEY!

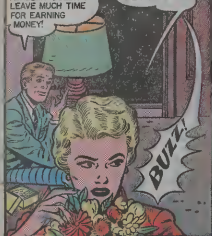
BILL, THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL! DON'T BE... OH-OH! EXCUSE ME A MOMENT!

WHAT ON EARTH...?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MA'AM! WHERE DO YOU WANT THESE?

HI, SUGAR-KITTEN! 'LO, BILL! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE MOST GORGEOUS GAL IN TOWN!

LEW! HAVE YOU GONE COMPLETELY CRAZY?



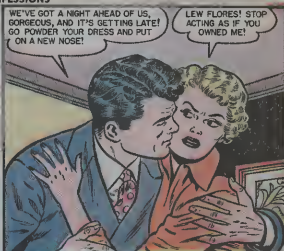
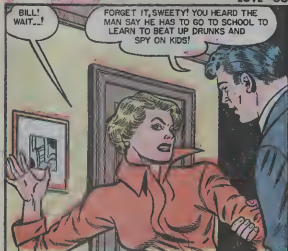
HERE, THROW THESE WEEDS OUT! WE'LL PUT THE WREATH ON THIS TABLE! SURE I'M CRAZY... CRAZY ABOUT YOU!

AND HERE ARE TWO OCATS TO SOUTH SEA MAGIC! SORRY I COULDN'T GET AN EXTRA ONE FOR THE FLY COP!

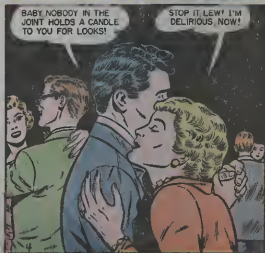
DON'T APOLOGIZE, LEW! I'M LATE FOR CLASS, ANYHOW! GOODNIGHT, KATHY!



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After the theatre we went to a restaurant whose very name made me shiver with delight!



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YOU REALLY HAD FUN KITTEN!
I'LL DROP AROUND TOMORROW
WITH A RING AND WE'LL
MAKE IT PERMANENT...
ALL FUN FROM HERE ON!

OH...!...I...
DON'T KNOW!
DON'T RUSH
ME, LEW!



WHAT'S WITH YOU? OUR
LITTLE BOY BLUE,
MAYBE?

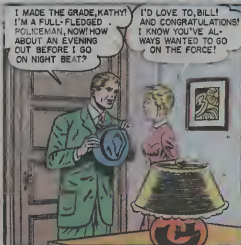
BILL? I'M NOT SURE!
YOU'RE BOTH MY DEAR-
EST FRIENDS! IF I
COULD KEEP YOU
BOTH MY FRIENDS...



UH-UH-UH! WE'RE
BIG BOYS AND GIRLS
NOW... TO OLD FOR
THAT "FRIENDS"
STUFF! TRY AGAIN!

GIVE ME A
LITTLE TIME
LEW! I PROMISE
YOU I'LL DECIDE
SOON!

The next evening Bill dropped in! I tried to measure his quiet earnestness against Lew's breezy, possessive manner!



I MADE THE GRADE, KATHY!
I'M A FULL-FLEDGED
POLICEMAN, NOW! HOW
ABOUT AN EVENING
OUT BEFORE I GO
ON NIGHT BEAT?

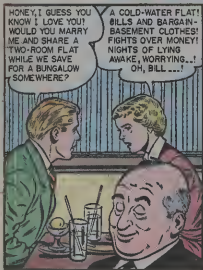
I'D LOVE TO, BILL!
AND CONGRATULATIONS!
I KNOW YOU'VE AL-
WAYS WANTED TO GO
ON THE FORCE!

There was no expensive night club, no hectic gaiety! Yet with Bill there was a warm, comfortable intimacy of shared thoughts!



KATHY, THIS FIRST PROBATION
PERIOD WILL BE RUGGED!
I'LL HAVE A NIGHT BEAT
AND NOT MUCH PAY
AT FIRST!

HUSH, BILL! I'VE
GOT A NICE KITCH-
ENET! ON YOUR
EVENINGS OFF, WE'LL
FIX HAMBURGERS
AND DANCE TO THE
RADIO!



HONEY, I GUESS YOU
KNOW I LOVE YOU!
WOULD YOU MARRY
ME AND SHARE A
TWO-ROOM FLAT
WHILE WE SAVE
FOR A BUNGALOW
SOMEWHERE?

A COLD-WATER FLAT!
BILLS AND BARGAIN-
BASEMENT CLOTHES!
FIGHTS OVER MONEY!
NIGHTS OF LYING
AWAKE, WORRYING...!
OH, BILL...!



AN HONEST LIFE WITH
A FUTURE! BUT I
GUESS I'VE HAD
MY ANSWER,
KATHY!

BILL, YOU IDIOT!
THAT WASN'T
AN ANSWER! THAT
WAS JUST THE NOISE
A HEART MAKES
WHEN IT'S BEING
PULLED TWO WAYS
AT ONCE!



GIVE ME A LITTLE
TIME! WHEN I
DECIDE, IT WILL
BE FOR KEEPS!

ALL RIGHT, KATHY!
I'LL WAIT AND
HOPE... AND KEEP
PAYING MY DOLLAR
A WEEK ON THE
RING, JUST IN CASE!

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For a moment, with Bill's hungry lips crushing mine and the longing burning into my own heart, I thought my decision was made!

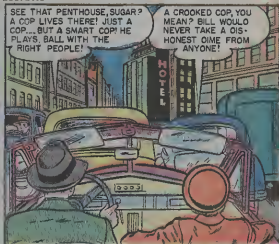


forced myself to stand aside! Neither passion nor luxury could be the deciding factor!



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I wanted time to think, time to sort out my tangled emotions ... but Lew was too smart to give me time!

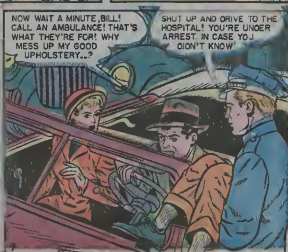
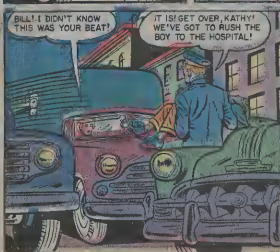
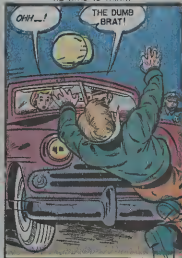


Lew just laughed, and a few minutes later he turned into the noise and squalor of our old neighborhood!

UGH! WHY DID YOU COME HERE, LEW? YOU KNOW I HATE THIS STREET AND EVERYTHING ABOUT IT!



It happened so quickly there was no time to think!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

DDN'T TRY LEAVING LEW!
I'LL BE BACK WHEN I'VE
GOT A REPORT DN THE
BOY!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! WHY
SHOULD I LEAVE? I CAN SQUARE
ANY BEEF YOU CDDK UP, JUST
BY DIALING THE PHONE! I'VE
GOT CONNECTIONS!

LEW, I USED TO THINK YOU
WERE JUST MIXED UP! I'M
BEGINNING TO THINK YOU'RE
ALL RAT AND A YARD WIDE!

TAKE... YOUR... PAWS... DFF
ME! NO TWO-BIT FLY COP IS
GOING TO PUSH ME AROUND!



REMEMBER THE BUCK
I PAID SPIKE TO BEAT
YOU UP? WELL, I'VE
GOT MORE LIKE SPIKE,
... BIG BOYS WHO
PLAY ROUGH!

BILL, IT WAS AN
ACCIDENT! THERE'S
NO NEED TO ACT
LIKE A POLICEMAN
WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

AND YOU STOP IT, TOO,
LEW FLORES! THINK
HOW YOU'D FEEL IF
THAT LITTLE BOY
DIED!

I KNOW HOW I'D
FEEL IF THAT
FLATFOOT DIED!
HAPPY!

LEW, ANSWER ME HONESTLY! DOESN'T
THAT LITTLE BOY'S LIFE MEAN
ANYTHING TO YOU?

OH, SURE IT
DOES, HONEY! BUT
I HATE BEING PUSHED
AROUND BY A BADGE! JUST
BECAUSE HE'S BITTER AND
JEALOUS ABOUT YOU!



I
seemed
an
eternity
until
Bill
came
back,
his
face
grave!

HE HAS A CHANCE BUT HE
NEEDS A BLOOD TRANS-
FUSION! WHAT BLOOD
TYPE ARE YOU? HERE'S
YOUR CHANCE TO
SQUARE THINGS!

OH, NO YOU DON'T! NO-
BODY'S STICKING ME
WITH NEEDLES! GET
SOME CHUMPS WHO
DON'T MIND IT! I'LL
PAY THE BILLS!

THERE ISN'T TIME! MY
BLOOD IS RH NEGATIVE!
THEY CAN'T USE IT!

SO IS MINE, BILL! OH, WHERE
CAN WE FIND SOMEONE
QUICKLY? WE CAN'T WASTE
A MINUTE!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

There was a sound in the corridor! I whirled and saw my old neighbors, the bums and the no-goods from the East Side slums!

WE HEARD DANNY NEEDED BLOOD, OFFICER! THAT'S ONE THING WE GOT PLENTY OF! WHERE DO WE GO?

RIGHT DOWN HERE, HAGGERTY! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, ALL OF YOU!

NOW I KNOW! IT ISN'T WHAT YOU DO OR HAVE, IT'S WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART THAT COUNTS! THOSE WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL PEOPLE!

HEY, SNAP OUT OF IT, KITTEN! I'VE GOT RESERVATIONS AT THE CURFEW CLUB! WE'LL MISS THE FLOOR SHOW!

YOU NEED SOME LAUGHS! I'LL PHONE MY BOSS AND GET THE FIX ON THIS! THEY'LL TELL BILL TO GO FLY A KITE WITH HIS CHARGES!

YES, THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE...WHAT'S INSIDE THE HEART!

RUN ALONG TO YOUR LAUGHS, LEW! I'M NOT MIXED UP ANYMORE! I'VE MADE MY CHOICE AND THIS IS GOODBYE!

WHY, YOU...! OKAY, BABY! IF YOU'RE THAT STUPID, WE'D NEVER HIT IT OFF, ANYHOW! SO LONG, SUCKER!

I'M GLAD, KATHY! I COULDN'T TELL YOU BEFORE, BUT LEW'S WASHED UP! THE GRAND JURY IS EXPOSING HIS BOSS AND THE WHOLE DIRTY RACKET SYSTEM TOMORROW! HE'LL BE INDICTED WITH THE REST!

AND LITTLE DANNY, IN THERE, WILL PULL THROUGH! THE BLOOD OF HIS NEIGHBORS WILL SAVE HIM!

ALL THEY NEED IS HELP AND A CHANCE, BILL! INSIDE THEY'RE GOOD AND FINE... LIKE YOU MY DEAREST! DON'T EVER LET ME GO!

Funny, I'd been so afraid of the dark future... and it wasn't dark at all! There, safely sheltered in Bill's arms, the future was all shining gold, like a wonderful dream!



Out Of The DARKNESS

OUT OF A GIRLISH DREAM I WOVE A LOVE SO PASSIONATE AND DEEPLY THRILLING THAT I COULD NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FANCY AND REALITY... UNTIL THE FATEFUL DAY MY DREAM TURNED INTO A NIGHTMARE, LEAVING ME CHILLED AND TREMBLING... WITH ONLY MY HAUNTING MEMORIES TO MOCK ME!

OH NO!
NO! SOB



DON'T LEAVE ME, RON! WE BELONG TOGETHER HERE ON BROADWAY!

SORRY, RITA! I'M HEADED FOR THE BIG TIME... AND THERE'S NO ROOM IN MY ACT FOR YOU ANY MORE!



My dancing partner and I were billed as "Ron and Rita...Two In Love"...and it was more than just a stage title... it was the truth!

YOU'RE SO EASY TO DANCE WITH, DARLING... AND SO EASY TO LOVE!

HUSH, RON! THE AUDIENCE MIGHT HEAR YOU!



LET THEM HEAR IT! LET THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW I LOVE YOU!

PROMISE ME YOU'LL ALWAYS LOVE ME, RON! NEVER LET ME GO! NEVER!



That's the way it was--we were lucky in love, and in practically nothing else! We hadn't been able to land a spot in anything but second-rate clubs! It looked like we'd never get our break in the Big Time!

DON'T TAKE IT TOO HARD, DARLING! WE'RE BOUND TO STRIKE SOMETHING GOOD SOON!

I KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO STRIKE PRETTY SOON, IF THINGS DON'T GET BETTER... THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING BOOKING AGENT OF OURS, HANK MILLS! ALL HE EVER DOES IS MOON AT YOU! IF ONLY I HADN'T TOUCHED THE GUY FOR A LOAN THIS MONTH!

AND THE MONTH BEFORE AND THE MONTH BEFORE THAT--OH, NO, RON! HANK'S ONE IN A MILLION AND HE IS TRYING FOR US! YOU MUSTN'T BLAME HIM!

HANK MILLS
THEATRI
BOOKING
AGENT

Hank was more than our agent, he was our friend! Even though Ron refused to believe it except in time of financial need!

I'M SORRY, KIDS! I HOPE TO HAVE A GOOD SPOT FOR YOU SOON, BUT RIGHT NOW THINGS ARE REALLY TIGHT!

NUTS! YOU'VE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR SIX MONTHS! LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU'RE GIVING US THE SQUEEZE PLAY JUST TO MAKE SURE WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GET MARRIED!

RON!

NEVER MIND, RITA! I KNOW HE'S SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF! LISTEN, WISE GUY, I CALL 'EM AS I SEE 'EM! MAYBE IF YOU'D STOP MUGGING TO THE MOVIE SCOUTS AND TRY PUTTING AS MUCH INTO THE ACT AS RITA DOES, YOU'D GET SOMEWHERE!

LAY OFF, KID GALAHAD! RITA'S SATISFIED WITH ME...OR IS THAT WHAT'S BITING YOU?

I'M SICK OF YOUR PHONY EXCUSES, MILLS! WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR A NEW AGENT UNLESS SOMETHING HAPPENS SOON! SO YOU'D BETTER PUT UP OR SHUT UP! I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT THE CLUB, RITA!

WAIT, RON, OH, HANK, I'M SO SORRY!

It was as always.... I was caught between my love for Ron and my loyalty to Hank!

PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND HIM, HANK! RON'S JUST DISGRUNTLED BECAUSE WE CAN'T GET MARRIED! HE'S NOT INTERESTED IN PERSONAL SUCCESS... HE ONLY WANTS A BREAK FOR US!

FOR YOUR SAKE, I'LL BUY THAT, HONEY! BUT I DON'T TRUST THAT GUY ANY FURTHER THAN I CAN THROW HIM!

There was nothing to do but wait and hope... and love Ron with all my heart! Later, in my dressing room

YOU'RE THE BEST MEDICINE I KNOW OF TO MAKE A GUY FORGET HIS BAD LUCK!

IT'S NOT TOO BAD, RON-- NOT AS LONG AS WE HAVE EACH OTHER!

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The days passed, and sud d only, one day, we had o. coll f'rom Honk! This was it! He had booked us into the exclusive Swan Club!



ISN'T IT WONDERFUL, RON? THIS IS THE BREAK WE'VE BEEN DREAMING OF! LET'S GO OUT AND CELEBRATE AT DINNER TONIGHT!

YEAH, IT'S SWELL NEWS, KID... BUT NOT TONIGHT! I PROMISED ANITA LESLIE I'D SHOW UP AT HER COCKTAIL PARTY AND I CAN'T BACK DOWN! YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, BABY!

A cold chill wrapped itself around my heart as Ron apologetically made his excuses!

ANITA LESLIE, THE MOVIE STAR? YOU WOULDN'T BE THINKING OF A HOLLYWOOD OFFER NOW, RON... NOT AFTER WE'VE GOTTEN OUR REAL CHANCE!

WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT HOLLYWOOD? YE GOOS, CAN'T I GO TO A LITTLE PARTY WITHOUT BEING ACCUSED OF A MILLION THINGS?



That evening, I started to dine alone, when... RITA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE ALONE? I THOUGHT YOU AND RON WOULD BE OUT PAINTING THE TOWN FED IN CELEBRATION!



WELL...UH, RON HAD A LITTLE PRIVATE MATTER TO ATTEND TO THIS EVENING!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE HIS ONLY LITTLE PRIVATE MATTER! HE'S NOT OUT CHASING ANOTHER SCREEN TEST, IS HE, RITA? I'VE GOT YOU DEFINITELY BOOKED FOR TOMORROW NIGHT AND IF HE MUFFS THIS, YOU MIGHT AS WELL SAY GOODBYE TO THE BIG TIME!



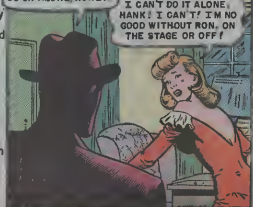
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, HANK! WE'LL BE THERE WITH BELLS ON!

My casual assurance seemed to satisfy Hank, but my own heart was filled with a nameless dread as I waited the next night in our new dressing room at the Swan Club... alone!



OH, RON, ONLY TEN MINUTES MORE TILL WE GO ON AND YOU'RE STILL NOT HERE!

THERE'S NO USE WAITING, RITA! I INQUIRED AROUND AND FOUND OUT THAT HE FINALLY LANDED A SCREEN TEST AND LEFT FOR THE COAST WITH LA LESLIE THIS AFTERNOON! YOU'LL HAVE TO GO ON ALONE, HONEY!



I CAN'T DO IT ALONE, HANK! I CAN'T! I'M NO GOOD WITHOUT RON, ON THE STAGE OR OFF!

SURE YOU ARE, HONEY! RON WAS NEVER ANY MORE THAN JUST A BACK DROP FOR YOUR TALENT, ANYHOW! DO IT FOR ME! GET OUT THERE AND SHOW 'EM!



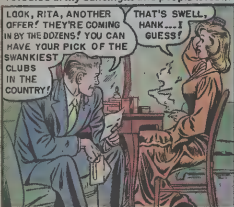
As the door slowly opened, my crushed hopes leaped high, only to turn to ashes again as I faced Hank and the tell-tale expression he could not hide!

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In a painful daze, I let Hank push me farward into the spotlight, and there, with the tears still wet on my cheeks, I danced out the story of my heartbreak!



Not caring whether I lived or died, I performed before one cheering audience after another! Somehow my tempestuous emotions were revealed in my dancing... and people loved it!



LOOK, RITA, ANOTHER OFFER! THEY'RE COMING IN BY THE DOZENS! YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PICK OF THE SWANKIEST CLUBS IN THE COUNTRY!

THAT'S SWELL, HANK... I GUESS?

Success was really mine! Because it was expected of me, I bought a house, cars, furs and jewelry... but the days when these things might have made me happy were gone!

Hank *did* give me time...almost all the time he had! He became my constant companion, took me to shows, out dancing...yet through my attempts at gayly ran the constant thread of my memories!

YOU'RE WONDERFUL TO DO ALL THIS FOR ME, HANK! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D EVER DO WITHOUT YOU!

DON'T THANK ME, RITA! IT'S A LABOR OF LOVE—BUT I GUESS YOU KNOW THAT!



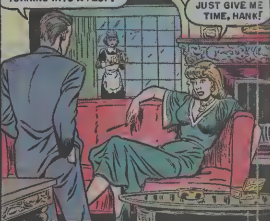
For a long moment, there was silence—and then the applause broke like thunder in the air! Ironically, I was a hit!



RITA, HONEY, YOU WERE TERRIFIC! YOU DANCED LIKE YOU WERE ON AIR!

MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE I'M EMPTY NOW! I HAVE NO MORE HEART TO WEIGH ME DOWN!

YOU'VE GOT TO SNAP OUT OF IT, HONEY! YOU MAY BE A SUCCESS PROFESSIONALLY, BUT PERSONALLY YOU'RE TURNING INTO A FLOP!



JUST GIVE ME TIME, HANK!

I *did* know it, but my mind was so filled with Ron that I had no room for anyone else...and try as I might, I could not free myself of his spell!

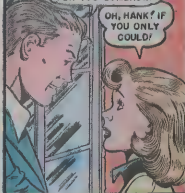
RITA, HONEY, YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU... ISN'T THERE A CHANCE...

IT'S NO GOOD, HANK! DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON ME! I'M JUST AN EMPTY SHELL AND YOU DESERVE MORE THAN THAT!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

I WON'T LET YOU BE AN EMPTY SHELL! HEAVEN KNOWS I HATE THE GUY FOR WHAT HE'S DONE TO YOU, BUT IF IT'S RON YOU WANT, THEN I'LL GET HIM BACK FOR YOU SOMEHOW!



OH, HANK? IF YOU ONLY COULD!

I had not heard from Ron since he left, but the mere mention of his name set my very being on fire again!

I'VE HEARD VIA THE GRAPEVINE THAT HE'S IN NEW YORK AGAIN! HE COULDN'T MAKE THE GRADE ALONE IN HOLLYWOOD AND ANITA LESLIE HAS DROPPED HIM LIKE A HOT POTATO!

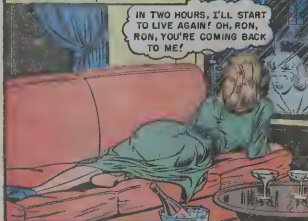


I GUESS I EXPECTED YOU TO SAY THAT... OH, WELL! I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND ARRANGE FOR A MEETING UP HERE!



I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU, HANK!

For twenty-four agonizing hours, I waited to hear from Hank! Finally, the next evening, he called to say that Ron would be up in two hours!



IN TWO HOURS, I'LL START TO LIVE AGAIN! OH, RON, RON, YOU'RE COMING BACK TO ME!

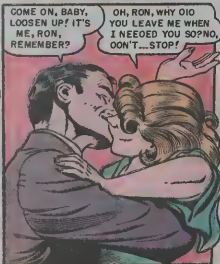
And then, suddenly, the eternity was over, and Ron stood in the doorway! Holding my breath, I waited for the tender rush of emotion that had always filled me when I saw him!



RITA, I'VE MISSED YOU LIKE FURY! YOU STILL LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT!

RON?

He swept me into his arms, and his lips pressed hungrily on mine, but instead of answering his ardor, a strange chill swirled around my heart!



COME ON, BABY, LOOSEN UP! IT'S ME, RON, REMEMBER?

OH, RON, WHY DID YOU LEAVE ME WHEN I NEEDED YOU SO? NO, DON'T... STOP!

HOLY MACKEREL, WHAT IS THIS... A THIRDOEGREE? I THOUGHT YOU'D BE GLAD TO HAVE ME BACK! ALL I DID WAS TRY TO MAKE SOME CONTACTS FOR US OUT ON THE COAST!

FOR US, RON?



LOVE CONFESSIONS

As I tried to believe his lie and couldn't, I realized that I had been in love with a Ron who never existed—a golden idol to whom I had sacrificed myself....and Hank!

POOR RON! YOU'LL NEVER CHANGE... BUT I ALREADY HAVE, AND FOR THE BETTER, I THINK! I'LL TRY TO GET YOU A BOOKING IN NEW YORK, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, BUT RIGHT NOW I HAVE SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO!

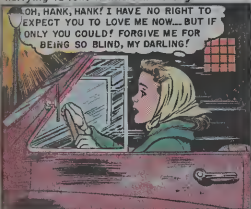
BUT, RITA! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO SPEND THE EVENING WITH ME! SURELY THIS OTHER THING CAN WAIT!



NO! IT CAN'T WAIT ANOTHER MINUTE! I'VE WASTED TOO MUCH TIME AS IT IS! GOODBYE, RON!



It was as if I had turned on the light in a dark room...and everything was suddenly clear! My heart was free at last, and I was hurrying to take it where it belonged!



OH, HANK, HANK! I HAVE NO RIGHT TO EXPECT YOU TO LOVE ME NOW... BUT IF ONLY YOU COULD! FORGIVE ME FOR BEING SO BLIND, MY DARLING!

Not daring to hope, I crept to Hank's office, and sure enough, he was there, working late, alone...

RITA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HAS SOMETHING GONE WRONG?

IT'S GONE *RIGHT* FOR A CHANGE, DARLING! OH, HANK, COULD YOU STILL LOVE ME, DESPITE WHAT I'VE DONE TO YOU?



DO YOU LOVE ME? THAT'S LIKE ASKING IF BIRDS CAN STILL FLY! I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF, RITA!

SEEING RON TONIGHT WAS LIKE WAKING OUT OF A BAD DREAM, HANK! BUT NOW IT'S OVER! I KNOW HIM FOR WHAT HE IS... AND I'M FREE, FREE TO LOVE YOU!

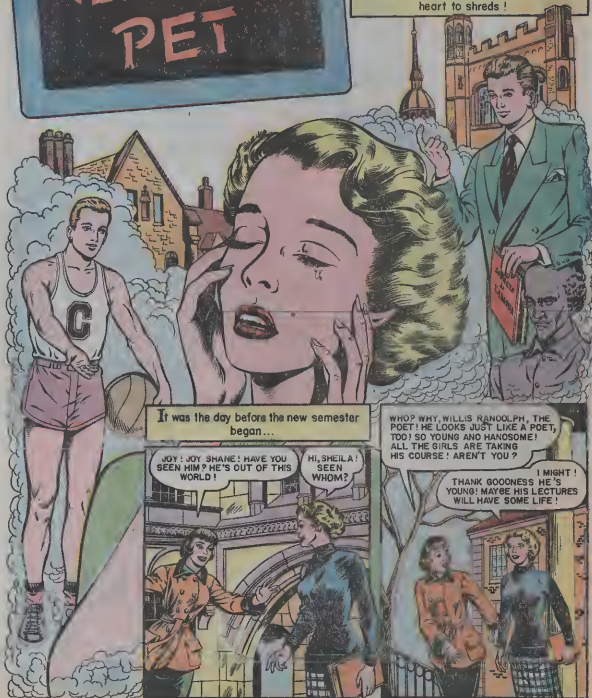


So... out at darkness come light, and a new, true love that was lost to me for the rest of my life!



TEACHER'S PET

Life was glorious as I began the last half of my senior year at Calmore University! College days were as wonderful as ever and in June, after graduation, I would become the bride of Mal Turner, the man I loved! And then a stranger came to Calmore, a stranger who was to tear my world and my heart to shreds!



It was the day before the new semester began...

JOY! JOY SHANE! HAVE YOU SEEN HIM? HE'S OUT OF THIS WORLD!

HI, SHEILA! SEEN WHOM?

WHO? WHY, WILLIS RANDOLPH, THE POET! HE LOOKS JUST LIKE A POET, TOO! SO YOUNG AND HANDSOME! ALL THE GIRLS ARE TAKING HIS COURSE! AREN'T YOU?

THANK GOOODNESS HE'S YOUNG! MAYBE HIS LECTURES WILL HAVE SOME LIFE!

I MIGHT!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

Of course I had heard of Willis Randolph!! I had read and liked his poetry, but...

WELL, GOSH, JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE ENGAGED DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T GET EXCITED ABOUT A CUTE PROF!

I SUPPOSE NOT! BUT AS SENIORS, AREN'T WE GETTING TOO ADULT FOR THAT SORT OF THING? 'BYE NOW, I'VE GOT TO MEET MAL!



My steps were light and my heart sang as I went to meet Mal, my future husband!

OH, BABY, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU!

STOP SILLY! SOMEONE MIGHT SEE US!

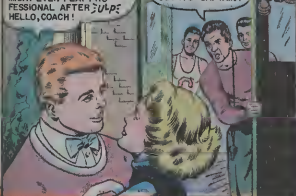


WHY, IF A MAN CAN'T HUG HIS WIFE-TO-BE... WELL, HERE'S THE GYM! GOTTA START BASKETBALL PRACTICE!

AND THAT MEANS NO DATE AGAIN TONIGHT

I'M AFRAID IT DOES! BUT YOU KNOW WHAT TRAINING IS! IF I'M GOING THIS YEAR, I MIGHT EVEN PLAY PROFESSIONAL AFTER! HELLO, COACH!

WELL, TURNER! YOU KNOW THE TEAM CAN'T PRACTICE WITHOUT ITS CAPTAIN!



That was the way it always was! I was terribly proud of Mal's athletic record but training always made me feel as if I were poison!

I WONDER IF MAL LIKES SPORTS AS MUCH AS HE LOVES ME! NOW HE WANTS TO PLAY BASKETBALL AFTER WE'RE MARRIED! I COULDN'T BEAR THAT!



OH!!... EXCUSE ME!

OOF! PAROON ME!

As my eyes met those of the tall stranger, I felt a spark jump between us that seemed to ignite my heart!



I'M SO SORRY! LET ME PICK THIS UP FOR YOU!

OH, REALLY, IT WAS MY FAULT!



WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ALL... AH, SAY, YOU'RE READING SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS! ARE YOU TAKING MY COURSE?

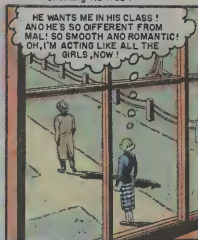
YOUR COURSE? OH, YOU MUST BE PROFESSOR RANDOLPH! WHY I... I HAVEN'T MADE UP MY SCHEDULE YET!



I WISH YOU WOULD: A STUDENT WHO REAPS POETRY ON HER OWN IS A STUDENT I'D LIKE TO HAVE! WELL, I'M LATE FOR A FACULTY MEETING! GOODBYE!

OH, THANK YOU, PROFESSOR RANDOLPH! GOODBYE!

So this was the famous poet, Willis Randolph! My tumultuous heart told me how handsome and exciting he was!



HE WANTS ME IN HIS CLASS! AND HE'S SO DIFFERENT FROM MAL! SO SMOOTH AND ROMANTIC! OH, I'M ACTING LIKE ALL THE GIRLS NOW!



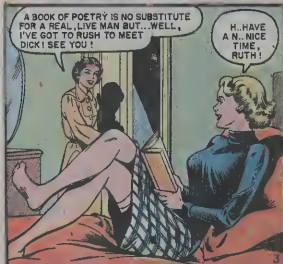
HEY, JOY! HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW POETRY PROF? ALL THE GIRLS ARE CRAZY ABOUT HIM! I'M TAKING HIS COURSE THOUGH I DETEST POETRY!

UH... WHAT? OH YES, I SAW HIM! I DON'T SEE WHAT THE FUSS IS ABOUT, REALLY!



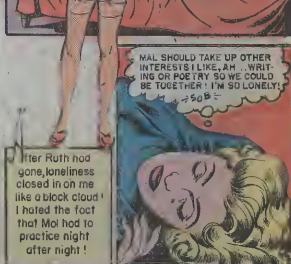
I FORGOT YOU WERE SPOKEN FOR, HONEY! BUT HE SURE APPEALS TO THIS LITTLE COED! SAY! NO DATE AGAIN TONIGHT?

NO, BASKETBALL PRACTICE, YOU KNOW! I GUESS I'LL JUST READ!



A BOOK OF POETRY IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A REAL, LIVE MAN BUT... WELL, I'VE GOT TO RUSH TO MEET DICK! SEE YOU!

H... HAVE A NICE TIME, RUTH!



MAL SHOULD TAKE UP OTHER INTERESTS I LIKE, AH... WRITING OR POETRY SO WE COULD BE TOGETHER! I'M SO LONELY!

After Ruth had gone, loneliness closed in on me like a black cloud! I hated the fact that Mal had to practice night after night!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

The next day classes began...

SO YOU DID SIGN UP FOR POETRY!

COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BECAUSE YOU SAW THE NEW PROFESSOR!



I'M NOT IN THE HABIT OF GETTING CRUSHES ON PROFESSORS!

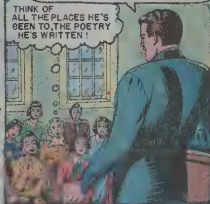
I COULD MAKE A HABIT OF WILLIS RANDOLPH! SHH! HERE HE COMES!



When Willis Randolph began to speak my heart kept time with his words!

ARE GIRLS THE ONLY POETRY LOVERS IN THIS COLLEGE? WELL, FIRST I'LL OUTLINE THE COURSE!

THINK OF ALL THE PLACES HE'S BEEN TO. THE POETRY HE'S WRITTEN!



After class...

PARDON ME, PROFESSOR RANDOLPH! WOULD YOU SIGN MY CLASS CARD?

HELLO! YOU DID TAKE MY COURSE! I DIDN'T HOPE IN VAIN!



JOY, I KNOW YOU MUST LOVE POETRY AS I DO! WOULD YOU BE THE FIRST TO READ ALOUD IN CLASS? INSPIRE THE OTHERS?

WHY, I'D LOVE TO, PROFESSOR RANDOLPH! BUT I'M NOT VERY GOOD!



Why had I agreed so easily? I had fought against it but something in my maddened heart had made me say 'yes'!

CAN I BE FALLING IN LOVE WITH WILLIS RANDOLPH? OH, THAT'S CRAZY! I LOVE MAL! I'M ENGAGED TO HIM!

HEY, HONEY! COME DOWN OFF THE CLOUDS AND SPEAK TO ME!



YOU'LL BE SPLENDID BUT SUPPOSE WE REHEARSE SO I CAN COACH YOU! WHAT ABOUT TONIGHT AT MY HOME?

TONIGHT? AT YOUR HOME? I. YES, I'LL BE THERE!



When Mal called, something snapped in me! His voice seemed so crude, so loud and irritating!

WHAT HAPPENED, BABY? YOU GOT A ROUGH SCHEDULE LINED UP?

NO, MAL! I'M JUST GETTING ADJUSTED TO THE NEW TERM!



LOVE CONFESSIONS



When I left Mal my heart was secretly glad he was not free that night! Hours later...

JOY! I THOUGHT THE SNOW MIGHT KEEP YOU AWAY! COME IN, COME IN!

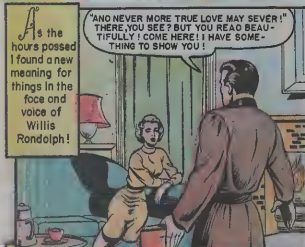
I LOVE TO WALK IN THE SNOW! I BROUGHT MY BOOK!

At that moment I entered a new world! Everything was in such perfect taste! A cozy fire glowed on the hearth!

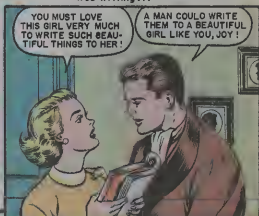
LET ME HELP YOU WITH YOUR COAT! THAT'S A LOVELY DRESS, JOY!

DO YOU REALLY LIKE IT? THANK YOU!

MAL NEVER COMPLIMENTS ME LIKE THIS!



He showed me some beautiful poems he was writing...

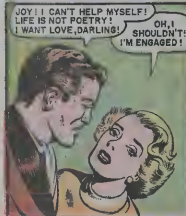


I thought I saw a fleeting shadow pass over his intelligent eyes! Suddenly...

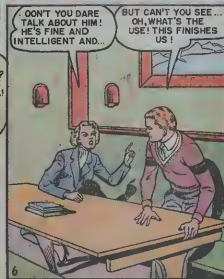
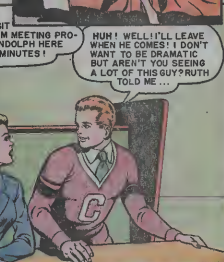
ANSWER WITH YOUR HEART, DARLING! YOU DO LOVE ME! I KNOW IT!

OH, YES, YES I DO!

As our lips blended I forgot Mal, shame, everything!



LOVE CONFESSIONS



LOVE CONFESSIONS

When Mal had gone I gave in to the emotions that tore my heart!

OH, WILLIS! I WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

THERE, THERE, SWEET!

WHY MUST THERE BE MISERY WITH HAPPINESS? OH, MAL, SOB!

JOY, DARLING! WHAT'S WRONG?



The next weeks were filled with love and Willis' new book of poems which were written to me, Jay Shane!

OH, DARLING! I COULD GO ON LIKE THIS FOREVER! WHEN WILL WE BE MARRIED?

MARRIED! UH... WE MUST WAIT A WHILE, DEAREST! I HAVE MY WORK TO FINISH NOW...

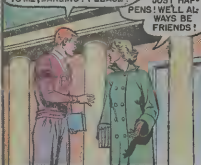


Though I was supremely happy, I noticed an elusiveness in Willis! He was older than I and had a past I could not know or share! One day...

I hated myself for breaking in Mal's heart but I was powerless! Then one day...

DARLING! I CAN'T STAND IT! I CAN'T EAT OR STUDY! I CAN'T EVEN PLAY BALL! COME BACK TO ME, DARLING! PLEASE!

OH, MAL, STOP! I CAN'T HELP LOVE! IT JUST HAPPENS! WE'LL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS!



WILLIS! ARE YOU HERE?

HE MUST BE IN CLASS! I'LL WAIT FOR... WHAT'S THIS ON THE TABLE?



IT'S THE DEDICATION TO THE NEW BOOK! "DEDICATION! THIS BOOK IS FOR LAURA, IN HOPE THAT ON THESE PAGES SHE WILL FIND MY HEART AND BRING IT BACK TO ME!" WILLIS RANDOLPH! OH! WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



My head swam and an awful anguish seized my heart! Who was Laura? This book was to have been for me!

WILLIS! WHAT IS THIS? WHO IS LAURA?

YOU FOUND THAT? OH, JOY, I WANTED TO SPARE YOU THIS BUT I'VE PUT IT OFF LONG ENOUGH! LISTEN AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND!



LAURA JAMES IS THE WOMAN I HAVE LOVED FOR YEARS! SHE LEFT ME AND I WROTE THE BOOK HOPING TO WIN HER BACK!

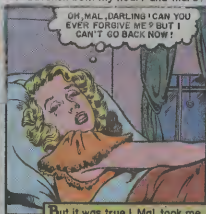
AND I? SOB! WAS I JUST SOMEONE WHO AMUSED YOUR GREAT MIND, PROFESSOR RANDOLPH?



LOVE CONFESSIONS



My little world was at my feet in ruins! I had made a complete fool of myself and broken both my heart and Mal's!



I tried to ease the pain in my heart by intense studying but to no avail! One day...

CAN'T TOUCH ME! I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU!

LISTEN TO ME! JOY, I'VE WRONGED YOU! IN MY LONELINESS AND HURT I LED YOU ON! FORGIVE ME IF YOU CAN, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T GO ON THIS WAY!



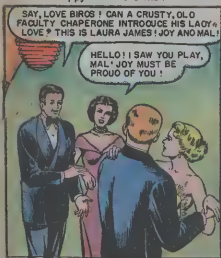
But it was true! Mal took me back! The team began to win games again!



AND THAT WAS MY LAST GAME, EVER, DARLING! HURRY! WE'VE GOT TO GET DRESSED FOR THE BIG FORMAL!



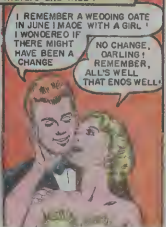
At the victory formal I was gloriously happy in Mal's arms!



Willis drew me aside and showed me a copy of the new book!



I knew then that my love for Willis Randolph had made a woman of me, mature and wise!



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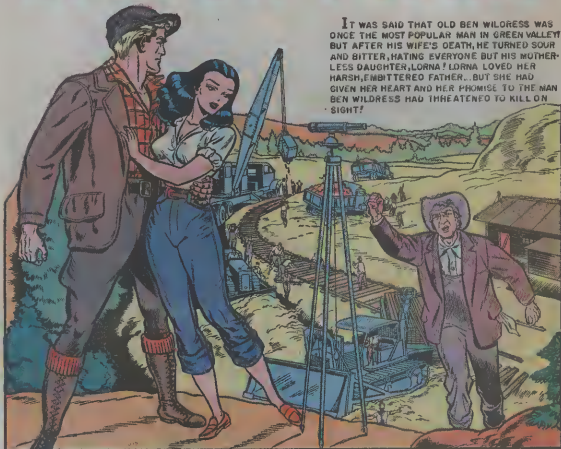
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LOVE CONFESSIONS

BITTER YEARS

IT WAS SAID THAT OLD BEN WILDRESS WAS ONCE THE MOST POPULAR MAN IN GREEN VALLEY BUT AFTER HIS WIFE'S DEATH, HE TURNED SOUR AND BITTER, HATING EVERYONE BUT HIS MOTHERLESS DAUGHTER, LORNA! LORNA LOVED HER HARSH, EMBITTERED FATHER... BUT SHE HAD GIVEN HER HEART AND HER PROMISE TO THE MAN BEN WILDRESS HAD THREATENED TO KILL ON SIGHT!



It was nothing new for Lorna to act as peace-maker in her father's quarrels with trespassers!

YOU HEARD ME? IF YOU AREN'T OFF MY LAND IN FIVE MINUTES, I'LL GET MY SHOTGUN!

OH, DEAR! FATHER'S REALLY IN A RAGE AT SOMEBODY THIS TIME!



She burst onto the scene and saw a handsome young stranger standing up to Ben Wildress's wrath!

SORRY, MR. WILDRESS, BUT MY JOB IS TO SURVEY A LINE FOR THE NEW RAILROAD THROUGH HERE AND I'M GOING TO DO MY JOB!

SO YOU'RE WORKING FOR THAT PACK OF THIEVES? THERE'LL BE NO RAILROAD ACROSS MY TIMBER... NOW OR EVER!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

OAO, BE REASON-
ABLE! THE VALLEY
VOTED FOR THE
RAILROAD! YOU
CAN'T STAND
AGAINST EVERY-
BODY!

YOUR DAUGHTER'S RIGHT, MR.
WILORESS! THE LINE IS BUILT
UP TO YOUR LANO ON BOTH
SIDES, NOW! WE CAN'T DELAY
ANY LONGER!



Lorno felt a thrill as the young stronger faced her
father, calm and sure and unafraid!

YOU'VE HAD MONTHS TO ACCEPT A
FAIR OFFER FOR THIS STRIP OF
GROUND! IF YOU WON'T ACCEPT,
THE STATE WILL CONDEMN AND
SEIZE IT!

YOU MAY TAKE IT BY
FORCE BUT YOU'LL
NEVER GET IT WILL-
INGLY! I'LL FIGHT
YOU AND YOUR BUZ-
ZARD BOSSES TO THE
LAST DITCH! GET
OUT!



I'M GETTING
MY SHOTGUN! IF
YOU'RE IN SIGHT
WHEN I COME BACK,
YOU'LL GET BUCK-
SHOT FROM BOTH
BARRELS!

YOU'D BETTER GO, I'M AFRAID OAO
REALLY MEANS IT! I'VE NEVER KNOWN
ANYTHING TO UPSET HIM LIKE THIS
RAILROAD BUSINESS!



ALL RIGHT, MISS
WILDRESS! MY
NAME IS RUSS
CALAHAN! I WANT
TO THANK YOU FOR
YOUR KINDNESS!
WE'LL DELAY
WORK UNTIL
TOMORROW!

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, MR.
CALAHAN... BUT PLEASE
BE CAREFUL! EVER SINCE
MY MOTHER DIED, OAO'S
BEEN BITTER AND
VIOLENT!



I'LL BE CARE-
FUL ON ONE
CONDITION...
THAT YOU CALL
ME RUSS!

ALL... ALL RIGHT,
RUSS! AND MY NAME
IS LORNA! I DOHOPE
YOU CAN DO YOUR
JOB! WE NEED THE
RAILROAD DESPITE
OAO'S ATTITUDE!



GOODBYE, LORNA!
I'LL KEEP MY
FINGERS CROSSED,
HOPING TO SEE
YOU AGAIN
TOMORROW!

IT'S
POSSIBLE!
GOODBYE
...RUSS!



Lorno walked home again with her
heart singing and her mind full of a
smiling, blue-eyed face!

O! THAT SHIFTY-
EYED TRAMP
SCUTTLE AWAY
LIKE THE
COWARDLY
THIEF HE
IS?

THE SURVEYOR
LEFT, IF THAT'S
WHAT YOU MEAN!
BUT I CONSIDERED
HIM A NICE-LOOK-
ING, STRAIGHTFOR-
WARD YOUNG MAN!



LORNA WILORESS, I'VE GIVEN YOU EVERYTHING A DAUGHTER CAN HAVE... BUT IF YOU EVER MAKE SHEEP'S EYES AT THAT... THAT...

LET GO OF MY ARM! I'M NOT ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS, TO BE ROARED AT LIKE A CRIMINAL!

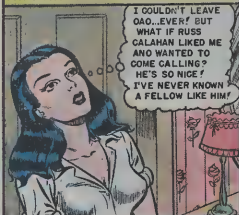
I LOVE YOU AND I'VE PUT UP WITH YOUR RAGES! BUT I'M NINETEEN AND IF YOU TRY TO RUN MY LIFE, I'LL LEAVE HOME FOR GOOD!

YOU... YOU...?



She ran to her room, leaving her father still gossiping at this first revolt she had ever offered to his will!

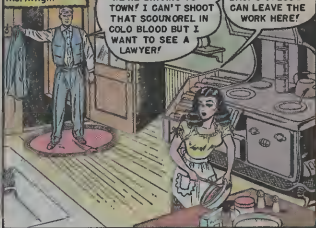
I COULDN'T LEAVE DAO... EVER! BUT WHAT IF RUSS CALAHAN LIKED ME AND WANTED TO COME CALLING? HE'S SO NICE! I'VE NEVER KNOWN A FELLOW LIKE HIM!



Early the next morning...

GET YOUR HAT, HONEY! WE'RE DRIVING TO TOWN! I CAN'T SHOOT THAT SCOUNDEL IN COLO BLOOD BUT I WANT TO SEE A LAWYER!

WHY... ALL RIGHT, DAO? I GUESS I CAN LEAVE THE WORK HERE!



I HAD HOPED TO SEE RUSS TODAY... BUT THIS IS BETTER! IF DAO STAYED HOME, THERE MIGHT BE TROUBLE! RUSS CAN DO HIS JOB SAFELY, NOW!

The only way out of the valley was a round-about road, too narrow and rough for cobs to tackle!

YOU SEE, DAD, WITH THE RAILROAD YOU AND ALL THE VALLEY MEN CAN SHIP CROPS DIRECT! YOU MIGHT EVEN GET A GOOD ROAD THROUGH!

THIS ROAD HAS BEEN GOOD ENOUGH FOR FORTY YEARS! YOUR MOTHER NEVER COMPLAINED ABOUT IT! SHE LIKED THIS ROAD!

POOR DAD, TRYING TO KEEP THINGS AS THEY WERE WHEN HE AND MOM WERE HAPPY TOGETHER! BUT HE CAN'T STIFLE PROGRESS TO GUARD HIS MEMORIES!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

In town, Ben Wildress was once more confronted with the hopelessness of his stand!

YOU'RE A FOOL, BEN! YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE RAILROAD! GIVE UP AND ENJOY THE BENEFITS YOU'LL GET FROM IT! THAT'S MY ADVICE!

YOU'VE SOLD OUT TO THE ROBBERS, TOO, HAVE YOU? ALL RIGHT, I'LL FIGHT THEM ALONE! COME ON, LORNA!



As Lorno went to the well for water, o short time later...

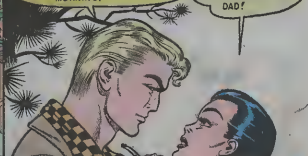
HELLO, LORNA! I WAS HOPING YOU'D COME DOWN HERE SOMETIME THIS EVENING!

RUSS! YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE! IF DAD CATCHES YOU ON HIS LAND...



I CAN'T HELP IT! I HAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT YOU EVERY MOMENT SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING!

YOU HAVE? I...I'VE WONDERED ABOUT YOU, TOO, RUSS! I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT DAD!



SO AM I, LORNA! THE CONSTRUCTION CREWS MOVE IN TOMORROW...WITH ARMED GUARDS! I HOPE HE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING WILD!

I'LL TRY TO STOP HIM! BUT NOBODY CAN MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND OR ACCEPT CONDITIONS! I...I MUST GO BACK NOW!



I WANT TO SEE YOU, LORNA! COULD YOU COME OUT AND MEET ME TONIGHT?

I...I'LL TRY, RUSS! DOWN WHERE WE MET YESTERDAY, ABOUT NINE!



HE WANTS TO SEE ME TONIGHT! THEN HE *DOES* LIKE ME! OH, I'M SO HAPPY! I'VE WANTED TO WALK WITH HIM AND TALK TO HIM!



They reached home later to find the surveying finished and no signs of Russ Colohont! Lorno was both glad and sorry!

LET THEM RUN THEIR LINES! THEY CAN'T RUN A RAILROAD ON STAKES! WAIT UNTIL THEY TRY TO LAY RAILS ON MY PROPERTY!

OH, DAD, WHY DON'T YOU STOP? YOU CAN'T WIN AND YOU KNOW IT! ACCEPT CONDITIONS AND STOP TEARING YOURSELF TO PIECES!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

That night...

LORNA! YOU CAME! I'VE PACED AND WORRIED AND WONDERED IF I'D REALLY SEE YOU OR IF IT WAS JUST A DREAM!

OF COURSE I CAME, RUSS! I HAD TO WAIT UNTIL DAD WENT TO BED OR I'D HAVE BEEN HERE SOONER!

DOES... DOES THAT MEAN YOU LIKE ME A LITTLE, LORNA? IS THERE ANY HOPE IN THE WILD DREAMS I'VE HAD?

I'M NO GOOD AT PRETENDING. RUSS! I CAME BECAUSE I LIKED YOU AND WANTED TO BE WITH YOU!

What happened was neither mad impulse nor planning, but the natural result of two hearts that hungered!

OH, MY DARLING, IT'S SO CRAZY AND IMPOSSIBLE... BUT I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU YESTERDAY MORNING... ALL AT ONCE AND COMPLETELY!

I DON'T KNOW, BUT PERHAPS I DID, TOO, RUSS! SOMETHING STIRRED IN MY HEART WHEN I SAW YOU AND I'VE THOUGHT OF YOU EVER SINCE!



THIS IS SUCH A SHORT SPAN THAT IT WON'T TAKE MORE THAN A WEEK TO FINISH THE TRACK, DEAREST! THEN I'LL BE MOVED ON!

YOU'RE LEAVING SO SOON? OH, RUSS...



WILL YOU MARRY ME AND COME ALONG, MY DARLING? I LOVE YOU! I'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY, MY OWN LOVE!

OH, I WANT TO! BUT... BUT... THERE'S DAD! HE'LL NEVER CHANGE, RUSS! AND I CAN'T LEAVE HIM ALONE!



DEAREST, YOU'VE GOT TO! HE'S TRIED TO SMASH EVERYTHING ELSE! YOU CAN'T LET HIM WRECK OUR HAPPINESS WITH HIS SENSELESS HATES!

NO, RUSS! I CAN'T! HE LOVES ME AND I CAN'T LEAVE HIM!



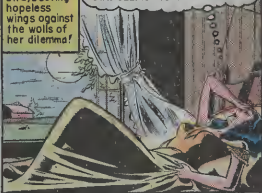
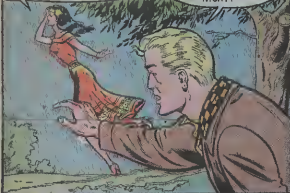
LOVE CONFESSIONS

DON'T MAKE ME CHOOSE BETWEEN YOU TWO TONIGHT! 36065 GIVE ME TIME TO THINK! THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OUT!

I'LL MEET YOU HERE TOMORROW NIGHT, MY DARLING! AND I'LL BE HERE WAITING, EVERY NIGHT!

Lorna slept little that night! She was like a bird, beating hopeless wings against the walls of her dilemma!

36065 I LOVE RUSS AND THERE'LL BE NO LIFE FOR ME WITHOUT HIM! BUT HOW CAN I DESTROY DAD'S LAST SMALL HAPPINESS FOR MY OWN SELFISH JOY?



Day after day the racing crews laid track across Ben Wildress's land...

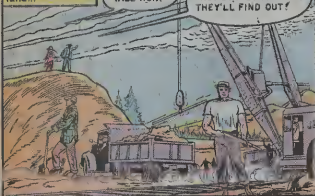
THEY'RE ALMOST FINISHED, DAD! IN A FEW DAYS THE FIRST TRAIN WILL RUN!

THAT'S WHAT THEY THINK! I CAN'T FIGHT THEIR BLOODY ARMY BUT I'M NOT LICKED... NOT BY A LONG SHOT! THEY'LL FIND OUT!

And night after night Lorna stole a few precious moments with Russ, moments that still held no answer to her aching problem!

NOT YET, RUSS! DON'T MAKE ME DECIDE YET! JUST HOLD ME IN YOUR ARMS AND WRAP ME IN YOUR LOVE!

ONE MORE NIGHT IS ALL WE'LL HAVE, MY DEAREST! DAY AFTER TOMORROW THEY'RE THROUGH AND I'M TO BE SENT WEST!



So they lost themselves in love, unaware that their precious secret had long since ceased to be a secret!

For Lorna that lost day was on end—less eternity of indecision, of pain and anguish and tormented uncertainty!

TONIGHT I MUST CHOOSE! OH, HOW CAN I HURT EITHER ONE? AND HOW CAN I ENDURE GOING ON WITHOUT RUSS?

With the coming of the fateful evening, she made her choice!

OH, DEAR DAD, PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND! I LOVE YOU SO, BUT I LOVE RUSS, TOO, AND OUR WHOLE LIVES LIE BEFORE US NOW!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

OH, MY OWN!
THEN YOU'VE
DECIDED TO BE
MINE! MY DAYS
OF ANGUISH
ARE OVER AT
LAST! WE'LL
LEAVE ON THE
FIRST THROUGH
TRAIN TONIGHT!

I HAD TO, RUSS!
I HAD TO COME
BECAUSE I KNEW
I COULD NEVER
ENJOY THE
DESERT OF A
LIFE WITHOUT
YOU!



Suddenly, down toward the new-laid rails...

LORNA! QUIET!
ISN'T THAT
YOUR FATHER
DOWN THERE?

OH, YES!
YES, RUSS!
WHAT IS HE
GOING TO DO?
IT'S SOME-
THING
TERRIBLE,
I KNOW!
WE'VE GOT TO
STOP HIM!



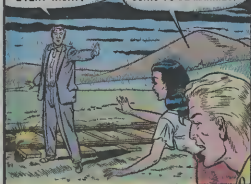
THE FOOLS, TAKING
OFF THEIR GUARDS
JUST BECAUSE THE
RAILS WERE LAID!
I'LL SHOW THEM...

DAD! DAD! FOR
HEAVEN'S SAKE,
STOP! YOU
MUSTN'T!



STAY BACK! THIS WILL
BLOW UP IN A MOMENT!
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT
FOR ME, ANYHOW! I'VE
SEEN YOU MEETING HIM
EVERY NIGHT!

MR. WILLOESS, COME
AWAY QUICKLY! YOU
DON'T UNDERSTAND!
LORNA AND I LOVE
EACH OTHER! WE'RE
GOING TO BE MARRIED!



Then without warning,
Russ Colohon exploded
into action!

DOWN, LORNA!
GET DOWN!

BLAST
YOU..!

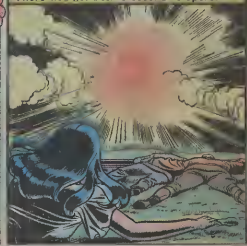


In a split second he had slammed
Ben Willoess to the track, had
thrown the sputtering dynamite
as far as he could!



ARGHHH!

There had not been a second to spare!



LOVE CONFESSIONS



DAD! DAD, SPEAK TO ME! OH, RUSS, YOU SAVED HIS LIFE!

HE HIT HIS HEAD ON THAT RAIL AWFULLY HARD, DEAR! I COULDN'T HELP IT!

The blast brought out the workers from camp! The railroad doctor examined Ben Wildress!

I CAN'T TELL WHETHER IT'S A FRACTURE OR A CONCUSSION BUT HE MUST GET TO A HOSPITAL FAST!

I'LL GET THE BUGGY! WE CAN BE INTOWN IN TWO HOURS BY ROAD!



THAT'S TOO LONG ... AND TOO ROUGH A RIDE! WE'LL HAVE HIM THERE IN TWENTY MINUTES ON THE WORK TRAIN! IT'S COMING NOW!

HE'LL GET THE FINEST CARE, DEAR! DON'T WORRY!



But the greatest miracle of all came the next morning when they went in timidly to see Ben Wildress, in his hospital room!

CAN YOU CHILDREN EVER FORGIVE ME? I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT'S BEEN DRIVING ME THESE PAST YEARS BUT LAST NIGHT I LOST MY HATES!

OH, DAD, DAD... I THOUGHT I'D NEVER KNOW A GREATER HAPPINESS THAN WHEN THE DOCTOR TOLD ME YOU WERE OUT OF DANGER LAST NIGHT!



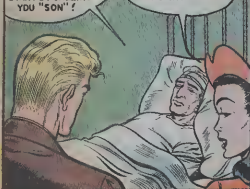
YOU SAVED ME FROM A CRIME LAST NIGHT... AND YOUR RAILROAD SAVED MY LIFE! I'VE BEEN A FOOL! IS IT TOO LATE TO ASK FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP?

OF COURSE NOT! THEN ... THEN YOU DON'T OBJECT TO MY MARRYING LORNA ANYMORE, SIR?

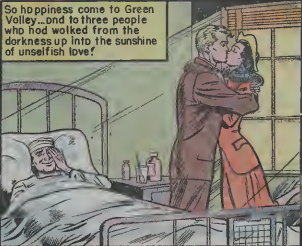


NOT IF YOU HURRY! I'VE GOT YEARS OF BITTERNESS TO WIPE OUT... AND I WANT TO START BY CALLING YOU "SON"!

OH, I FEEL AS IF MY HEART HAD BEEN TORN APART AND THEN PUT BACK TOGETHER! I'M WHOLE AGAIN!



So happiness came to Green Valley... and to three people who had walked from the darkness up into the sunshine of unselfish love!



GUESTS *At The* WEDDING

"GOSH," thought Ginny, as she looked out the plane window at the tiny twinkling lights below, "I'll soon be home! Mom and dad will be at the airport and maybe Dave, too!"

Once again she powdered her saucy, little tilted nose! She looked in a mirror to be sure that every shining red hair was combed just right! She adjusted her perky, flowered hat for the twentieth time! Then she gazed out the window again, searching far toward the horizon for the brilliance in the sky which would be Chicago.

"I didn't realize how glad I'd be to get back," she said to herself. "All I ever wanted was to go to L.A. to college! It was fun but getting back is better!"

Ginny Blakely might not have admitted it, even to herself, but the semester had been a great disappointment. In her vanity, she had envisioned talent scouts swarming around her to offer movie contracts! She had pictured herself having dates with glamorous movie stars! But no such things had happened. She had studied most of the time and her dates had been with college boys her own age who seemed young and immature by comparison with Dave Harpel.

"Dave will be waiting," she mused with a confident smile. "He always is!"

Ginny had known Dave as long as she could remember. Their families were old friends. He was four years older than she and, when he went East to finish Law School, she had been his girl! It had flattered her ego to have a boy friend in Harvard while she dated the fellows at Northwestern. Then Dave had come back and settled down to the serious business of starting a practice and it had seemed dull and annoying to her. She had gone out with other fellows whenever she felt like it, had talked her parents into sending her away to college in the secret hope of finding someone more exciting, and had kept Dave dangling and doubtful as to her intentions. She hadn't written him much, either. So there was no wonder that she hadn't heard from him for a couple of months!

With every turn of Ginny's imagination, now, Dave's stature grew! Absence had erased the annoyance! There was no doubt that he would be successful! And he was as patient and faithful as a sheep dog! She thought she'd settle for that!

The dark, young man across the aisle bothered her! He had boarded the plane at Denver and had been watching her most of the time since! He was not handsome but had well-molded features and deep smiling lines which indicated a good nature! She knew his eyes were upon her because she could see his reflection in the plane window!

Finally, the gleam of the city lighted up the sky! Ginny set her vanity case near the aisle, adjusted her safety belt, and waited as the plane circled the airport and came down the runway for a velvet landing! The stranger across the aisle glanced at the initials on her case: V.B. Then he picked it up and helped her down the ramp!

"I thought all the time that you were Virginia Blakely!" he said. "See you at the wedding, Ginny!"

"Wedding?" she asked. "Whose wedding?" But, by that time, he had disappeared in the crowd and she was embraced by her parents and whisked away home.

Ginny waited until after the supper the family had fixed for her before she asked about Dave. "I supposed you knew," her mother said. "He's getting married tomorrow to Betty Jeffries, his secretary. You're just in time for the wedding!"

Ginny's head swam as a wave of anger surged through her! Dave had not waited, as she had expected! Somebody else had taken her place! She excused herself and went to her room and, suddenly, she realized what the stranger had meant when he said, "See you at the wedding!" It was Dave's wedding! But who was he? It didn't make very much difference! She felt miserable! She was jilted! Furiously, she cried herself to sleep!

The Blakelys and Harpels were old family friends which meant that it was necessary for Ginny to go with her parents to the wedding!

She watched the ceremony with tears welling up in her eyes! She imagined that everyone in the church was looking at her and thinking, "Poor dear! She's the rejected sweetheart!"

They filed out with all the others and congratulated the bride and groom! "Gee, Ginny," grinned Dave, "it's good to see you! Glad you got back in time for my wedding!"

"So am I," lied Ginny. "I—I hope you'll be very happy!"

She dashed from the door, leaving her mother and father to gush over the newlyweds. But, as she ran down the church steps, she caught the heel of her slipper and fell—right into the arms of the stranger who had sat opposite her on the plane.

"We meet again," he smiled. "Mop the tears, Ginny! How about dinner with me?"

"I'd love to," she answered, feeling very vengeful! "Pick me up at seven!"

When they started out for the evening, she didn't even know his name. "Dick . . . er . . . Dick Brown," he told her. "Funny thing, we're both in the same boat! The one we love doesn't love us!"

Ginny's eyes widened. "You mean—you mean that you're in love with HER?"

"I didn't say that, but—" and he took her by the arm and hurried her away. "Let's just forget it! Let's have a good time—what say?"

Ginny had meant to carry a torch for Dave but she couldn't! She and Dick had a gay evening—dinner, a show, the penny arcade, and hamburgers and coffee at midnight! She couldn't remember ever having had so much fun!

Days that followed took them to the Zoo and the Field Museum and the Planatarium and the Shadd Aquarium! There were shows and dinners, too, and rides up the Outer Driver and, at last, a walk along the beach with the moonlight bright over Lake Michigan.

"Ginny," Dick said, as he took her in his arms, "are you very unhappy about Dave's marriage?"

"I was at first," she answered honestly, "but I'm not now. What about you and Betty?"

"That?" He laughed as if he were enjoying a good joke. "Nothing to it. I'll tell you about that later!"

He grabbed her and kissed her, for the first time! His kisses were different from any Ginny had known. Dave's had been matter-

of-fact! College boys were "impulsive," the ones she had met! Dick's kisses were tender and full of love and meaning! They were gentle, though filled with desire! Ginny's heart gave way and melted like ice on a summer day!

"Honey," he said at last. "I have to go back to Denver in a few days! Can't stay away from business too long! So I've planned a little party for tomorrow night, with Dave and Betty. I feel we owe it to them!"

Ginny dreaded the ordeal. But, when she saw Dave again, he seemed stuffy and annoying and she didn't envy Betty for being his wife! And Dick was polite to Betty but she didn't seem to interest him much! In fact, the entire session was boring! Dave and Dick talked together and seemed to have a lot in common but Ginny was glad when the evening drew to a close.

Dick drove her home in silence. But when they reached her door, he asked to come in. "I have to talk to you and this is my last night here!"

"Of course," she said. "My mom and dad won't mind!"

Inside the house, he took her in his arms! "Darling," he said, "I've pulled a hoax but it was the only way I could be sure! I never knew Betty before! And my name's not Brown—it's Sweeney!"

"Sweeney? Dick Sweeney?" and Ginny stared as the name registered in her memory! You were Dave's roommate at Harvard! He wrote to me about you!"

"It's easy to explain! When I roomed with Dave, you were his girl! I fell in love with your picture, but how can a guy double-cross a pal? When I was invited to Dave's wedding and knew he was marrying someone else, I took my chances! It was coincidence that we were on the same plane!"

He kissed her and rumbled her red hair. "I pretended to be Betty's ex-beau," he explained, "so that you'd think we were mutually miserable! I wanted to be sure—that's why I planned the party—that you weren't still in love with Dave!"

"I've never been in love with Dave, I know that now! My pride was hurt! But I've never loved anyone but you!"

The next day, Dick and Ginny were married and Dave and Betty were guests at the wedding!

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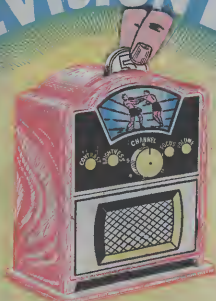
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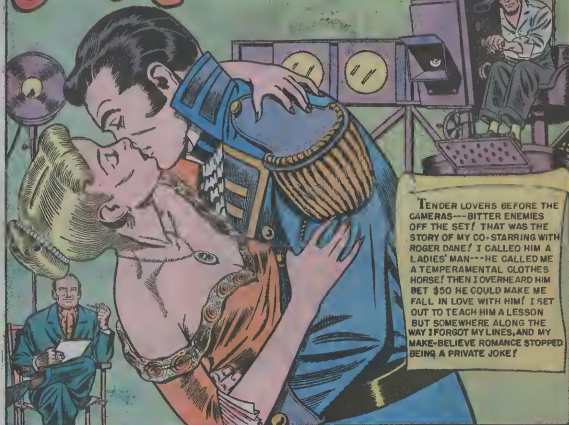
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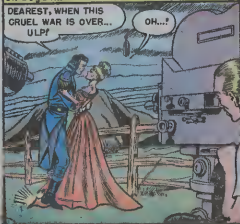


TENDER LOVERS BEFORE THE CAMERAS---BITTER ENEMIES OFF THE SET! THAT WAS THE STORY OF MY CO-STARRING WITH ROGER DANE! I CALLED HIM A LADIES' MAN---HE CALLED ME A TEMPERAMENTAL CLOTHES HORSE! THEN I OVERHEARD HIM BET \$50 HE COULD MAKE ME FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM! I SET OUT TO TEACH HIM A LESSON BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY I FORGOT MY LINES, AND MY MAKE-BELIEVE ROMANCE STOPPED BEING A PRIVATE JOKE!

We were shooting "Heart of France" when it all began...

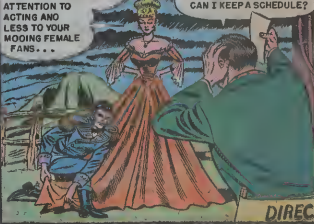
DEAREST, WHEN THIS CRUEL WAR IS OVER...
ULP!

OH...?



YOU STUPID, CLUMSY OAF! IF YOU'D PAY MORE ATTENTION TO ACTING AND LESS TO YOUR MOODING FEMALE FANS...

CUT! HERE GOES ANOTHER SCENE! HOW CAN I KEEP A SCHEDULE?



DIRECTOR

LOVE CONFESSIONS

I WON'T DO ANOTHER SCENE WITH THAT GLOWN!

BUT LYNN... PLEASE, MISS LEE...

OH, LET HER ALONE!

IF SHE DIDN'T THROW TANTRUMS EVERY DAY, HOW WOULD ANYBODY KNOW SHE WAS AN ACTRESS? THERE'S NO OTHER EVIDENCE OF IT!

WHY, YOU--YOU... LADIES' MAN! I SHOULD THINK YOUR FACE WOULD GET TIRED OF SUPPORTING YOU! IT'S YOUR ONLY ASSET!

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY THE LAST PICTURE I'LL EVER MAKE WITH THAT TAILOR'S DUMMY!

STICK AROUND! SHE'LL BE A LITTLE WHEN HER MEAN TO MENDED? A CATCH HER OUT ON A HAM FOR



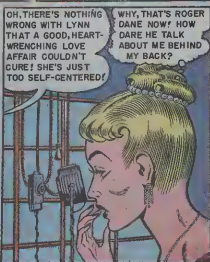
IT'S MENDED, MISS LEE!

THANKS LUCY! I'LL GO FINISH THE SHOOTING-- BUT I'LL NEVER DO ANOTHER PICTURE WITH HIM!

OH, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH LYNN THAT A GOOD, HEART-WRENCHING LOVE AFFAIR COULDN'T CURE! SHE'S JUST TOO SELF-CENTERED!

WHY, THAT'S ROGER DANE NOW! HOW DARE HE TALK ABOUT ME BEHIND MY BACK?

By the time my gown was repaired, I was over the worst of my blow-up but I still despised Roger Dane!



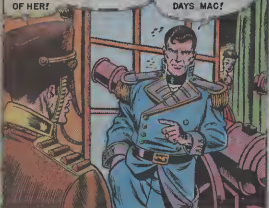
YEAH? I'D LIKE TO SEE ANYBODY CRACK THE ICE AROUND THAT DOLL'S HEART, ROG? NOT EVEN YOU COULD GET A QUIVER OUT OF HER!

WANT TO BET? I COULD HAVE LYNN LEE PURRING LIKE A KITTEN IN TEN DAYS, MAC!

I stood there listening, watching, shoking with burning anger!

I'LL SEE THAT BLUFF, DON JUAN! FIFTY BUCKS IF YOU TAME THE WILD-CAT!

RIGHTO! SHE'LL BE HEAD-OVER-HEELS IN LOVE IN TEN DAYS-- OR YOU'RE FIFTY TO THE GOOD!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

I WON'T DO ANOTHER SCENE WITH THAT GLOWN!

BUT LYNN...! PLEASE, MISS LEE...!

OH, LET HER ALONE!

IF SHE OION'T THROW TANTRUMS EVERY DAY, HOW WOULD ANYBOO KNOW SHE WAS AN AGTRESS? THERE'S NO OTHER EVIDENCE OF IT!

WHY, YOU--YOU... LADIES' MAN! I SHOULD THINK YOUR FACE WOULD GET TIRED OF SUPPORTING YOU! IT'S YOUR ONLY ASSET!

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY THE LAST PICTURE I'LL EVER MAKE WITH THAT TAILOR'S DUMMY!

STICK AROUND, SAM! SHE'LL BE BAKG WHEN HER GOWN IS MENDEO? YOU WON'T GATGH HER WALKING OUT ON A GHANGE TO HAM FOR THE BOYS?



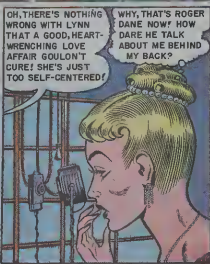
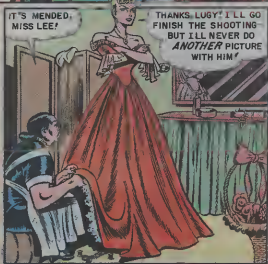
IT'S MENDEO, MISS LEE!

THANKS LUGY! I'LL GO FINISH THE SHOOTING-- BUT I'LL NEVER DO ANOTHER PICTURE WITH HIM!

OH, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH LYNN THAT A GOOD, HEART-WRENCHING LOVE AFFAIR GOULON'T CURE! SHE'S JUST TOO SELF-CENTERED!

WHY, THAT'S ROGER DANE NOW! HOW DARE HE TALK ABOUT ME BEHIND MY BACK?

By the time my gown was repaired, I was over the worst of my blow-up but I still de-spised Roger Done!



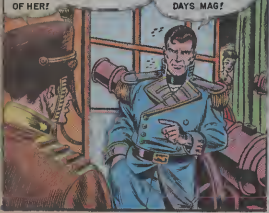
YEAH? I'D LIKE TO SEE ANYBODY CRACK THE ICE AROUND THAT OOLL'S HEART. ROG? NOT EVEN YOU COULD GET A OUIVER OUT OF HER!

WANT TO BET? I COULD HAVE LYNN LEE PURRING LIKE A KITTEN IN TEN DAYS MAG!

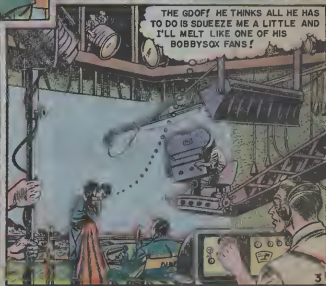
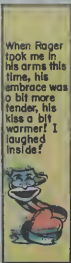
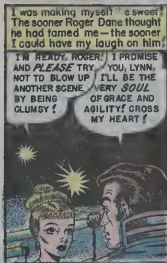
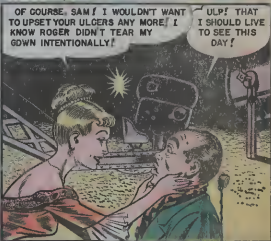
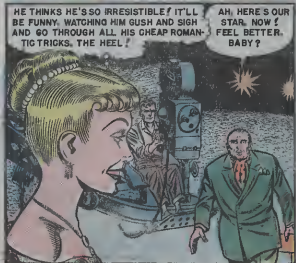
I stood there listening, watching, shoking with burning onger!

I'LL SEE THAT BLUFF, OON JUAN! FIFTY BUGKS IF YOU TAME THE WILO-CAT!

RIGHTO! SHE'LL BE HEAD-OVER-HEELS IN LOVE IN TEN DAYS-- OR YOU'RE FIFTY TO THE GOOD!



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I started forward, intending to explode my fury on their heads! And then I stopped....

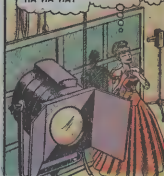
I'LL TELL THOSE GRINNING HYENAS PLENTY! I'LL... NO. WAIT! I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA—A MUCH BETTER IDEA!



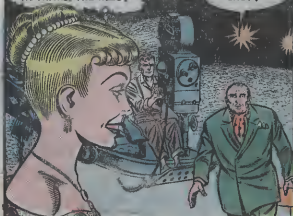
I'LL LET MR. ROMEO ROGER THINK HE'S SUCCEEDED! I'LL BE SWEET AND MELTING AND TENDER AND NEVER LET HIM GUESS HOW I'M LAUGHING INSIDE!



THEN WHEN HE'S SMUG AND TRIUMPHANT--I'LL LAUGH RIGHT IN HIS SILLY, HANDSOME FACE! I'LL MAKE HIM THE JOKE OF THE STUDIO! THE GREAT LOVER! HA-HA-HA!



HE THINKS HE'S SO IRRESISTIBLE! IT'LL BE FUNNY. WATCHING HIM GUSH AND SIGH AND GO THROUGH ALL HIS CHEAP ROMANTIC TRICKS. THE HEEL!



AH, HERE'S OUR STAR. NOW! FEEL BETTER, BABY?

OF COURSE, SAM! I WOULDN'T WANT TO UPSET YOUR ULCERS ANY MORE! I KNOW ROGER DIDN'T TEAR MY GOWN INTENTIONALLY!



ULP! THAT I SHOULD LIVE TO SEE THIS DAY!

I was making myself as sweet! The sooner Roger Done thought he had tamed me—the sooner I could hove my lough on him!

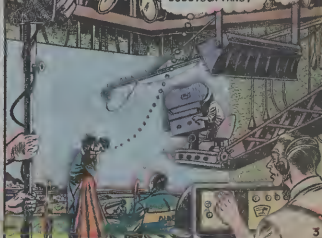
I'M READY, ROGER! I PROMISE AND PLEASE TRY YOU, LYNN. NOT TO BLOW UP. I'LL BE THE ANOTHER SCENE. VERY SOUL OF GRACE AND AGILITY! GROSS MY HEART!



When Roger took me in his arms this time, his embrace was a bit more tender, his kiss a bit warmer! I laughed inside!



THE GOOF! HE THINKS ALL HE HAS TO DO IS SQUEEZE ME A LITTLE AND I'LL MELT LIKE ONE OF HIS BOBBYSOX FANS!



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GREAT! WONDERFUL! YOU TWO HAVE NEVER DONE A FINER SCENE! I'M HAPPY LIKE ALL GET-OUT!

IT WAS LYNN, SAM! WHEN SHE REALLY TURNS ON HER CHARM, EVEN A FENCE POST COULD ACT TENDER AND ROMANTIC! SHE'S SUPERB!



The toughest acting job I ever faced was to play up to Roger's phony romance without giggling!

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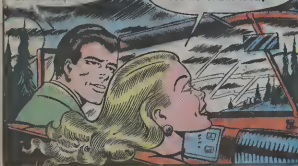
WHY--WHY, I THINK I'D LIKE THAT, ROGER! BUT LET'S FORGET APOLOGIES AND JUST ENJOY OUR ARMISTICE! I'LL MEET YOU OUTSIDE!



Roger helped me into his car as if I were a queen!

I'LL TAKE YOU TO A LITTLE OUT-OF-THE-WAY SPOT I'VE FOUND WHERE NO HOWLING AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS CAN HECKLE US!

OH, DON'T BOTHER ON MY ACCOUNT, ROGER! I CAN STAND IT IF YOUR FANS WANT TO MOB YOU! AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THEIR IDOL!



HEAVENS, YES! IF I DON'T MAKE PUBLIC APPEARANCES YOU WERE THREE NIGHTS A WEEK, I BREAK MY CONTRACT! BUT I'LL NEVER SIGN FOR THAT AGAIN!



I was still mulling over that surprise when we reached our destination, a tiny little basement cafe in an out-of-the-way neighborhood!

WELL, SIGNOR OANE, THIS IS A SURPRISE! FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK YOU CAME HERE BUT ALWAYS ALONE, TO ESCAPE WOMEN! NOW YOU BRING ONE!



SHE'S A VERY SPECIAL WOMAN, LUIGI! I DON'T WANT TO ESCAPE HER!



I ONLY KNOW OF FIFTY DOLLARS! WOULD BE FUNNIF IT, YOU LITTLE SITUATION ANO THY YOU MEAN TO TO MAKE ROGER PIS AND A LOVE WITH ME! W. THAT WOULD

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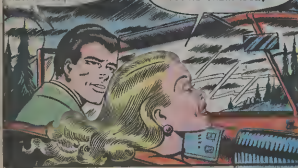
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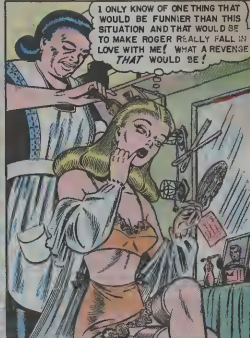
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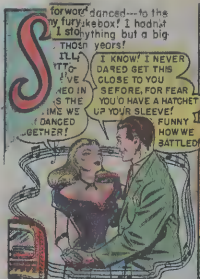


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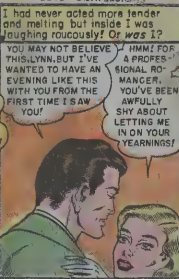
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FUNNY HOW WE BATTLED!



YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE FOR THIS,LYNN,BUT I'VE WANTED TO HAVE AN EVENING LIKE THIS WITH YOU FROM THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU!

HMM! FOR A PROFESSIONAL ROMANCER, YOU'VE BEEN AWFULLY SHY ABOUT LETTING ME IN ON YOUR YEARNINGS!

Very suddenly I discovered that I'd forgotten about the grand joke I was supposed to be enjoying!

HEY,SNAP OUT OF IT,SUCKER! THIS IS NO TIME TO GET SOFT! DO YOU WANT THAT PHONEY LOTHARIO TO WIN HIS BET HANDS DOWN?

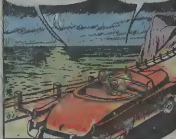


THIS ONE JUST DID!

I SUPPOSE IT'S CORN, LYNN,BUT THE MOON-LIGHT SEEMS TO FILL YOUR HAIR AND EYES WITH SPECIAL STARS! I COULD WISH ON ONE OF THOSE STARS!

TRY IT! I USED TO WISH ON A STAR---AND SOMETIMES MY WISH CAME TRUE!

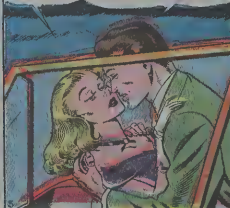
We drove out to the ocean above Malibu,where the highway winds upward above the pound of surf!



I-I THINK YOU'D BETTER TAKE ME HOME,ROGER! IT'S LATE!

TERRIBLY LATE,LYNN! WHEN I THINK OF THE MONTHS I'VE WASTED WITHOUT DARING THIS,I COULD KICK MYSELF!

Was it the pound of surf that filled my ears---or the pound of my agitated heart? I hadn't planned on carrying my joke so far!



We didn't talk on the way home! I was all mixed up inside! I hadn't meant to let my make-believe romance take on such reality!

DARLING,TOMORROW NIGHT I HAVE TO BE A FOOTBALL FOR MY FANS! MAY I SEE YOU WHEN THAT'S OVER? IT WON'T BE TOO LATE!

I DON'T KNOW, ROGER! I-I'LL LET YOU KNOW TOMORROW ON THE SET!



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Afterward we danced—to the music of a jukebox! I hadn't danced to anything but a big name band in years!

FUNNY, AFTER ALL THE PICTURES WE'VE CO-STARRED IN—THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER DANCED TOGETHER!

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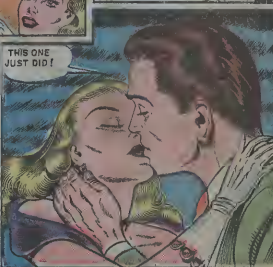


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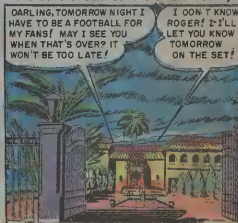
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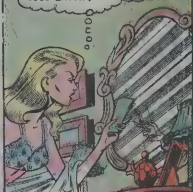
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I'VE GOT TO SNAP OUT OF THIS! WHAT'S COME OVER ME? I WENT INTO THIS WITH MY EYES WIDE OPEN! BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THEN HOW WARM AND HUMAN AND WONDERFUL ROGER COULD BE!

My head was spinning, my heart pounding! Something had happened to me, something that made me furious, yet wanting to sing!



THERE! THERE'S FIFTY DOLLARS! TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT IT, YOU LITTLE FOOL! THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN TO HIM--FIFTY DOLLARS AND A GOOD LAUGH!



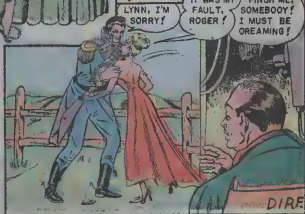
I'LL GO WITH HIM TOMORROW NIGHT! I HATE HIM! I'LL MAKE A FOOL OF HIM AND I'LL LAUGH IN HIS FACE BEFORE EVERYBODY!



The next day I was poisonously sweet, while I tried to shut out the ache in my heart!

LYNN, I'M SORRY!

IT WAS MY PINCH ME, SOMEBOODY! I MUST BE DREAMING!



I told Roger I'd be waiting for him that night!

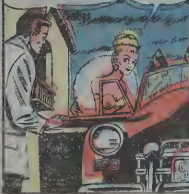
YOU'RE EARLY! I THOUGHT YOU SIGNED AUTOGRAPHS UNTIL MIDNIGHT!

I SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE SHE-WOLVES THIS TIME! CONTRACT OR NO CONTRACT, I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO TRANSACT!



I'M NOT PLAYING BIG BAO WOLF, LYNN, BUT I'D LIKE YOU TO COME OVER TO MY BACHELOR PLACE FOR A MINUTE! I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU!

WHY-WHY, I'D BE GLAD TO, ROGER! I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR HOUSE!



NEITHER HAS THE PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT! I PUT A CLAUSE IN MY CONTRACT THAT MY HOME LIFE WAS PRIVATE--NOT TO BE PUBLICIZED!

THAT'S RIGHT! COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE NEVER READ NOR HEARD A WORD ABOUT YOUR PRIVATE LIFE! THEY BUILT THAT AS A ROMANTIC MYSTERY, TOO!



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I was surprised at the quiet taste of Roger's home! Somehow, on his salary, I had expected elegance and gaudiness!

WE'RE GOING UP TO MEG'S ROOM, HENRY!

VERY GOOD, MR. DANE!



Then we walked through a door and into the shock of my life!

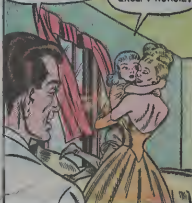
YAWWWN! HELLO, UNCLE ROGER! I KNEW YOU'D BE BACK TO KISS ME GOOD-NIGHT!

OF COURSE, HONEY! AND I WANT YOU TO MEET SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL...



LYNN, MEET MEG--THE MOST MISCHIEVOUS LITTLE SCAMP WHO EVER TAMED A BACHELOR!

HUG ME! NO PRETTY LADIES HUG ME ANY MORE EXCEPT NURSE!



Somehow I found my voice! It sounded queer through the pounding of my heart and the numbness of my brain!

SHE'S---SHE'S LOVELY, ROG! BUT--- MY SISTER'S LITTLE GIRL! HER MOTHER AND FATHER WERE ON ONE OF THE LAST SHIPS SUNK IN THE WAR! I'VE RAISED HER EVER SINCE!



GO TO SLEEP NOW, DARLING! I'LL TRY TO PERSUADE LYNN TO VISIT YOU AGAIN WHEN YOU'RE WIDE AWAKE!

I HOPE SO, UNCLE ROGER! I GET LONESOME!



Still dozed, I let Roger lead me down to a lovely garden...

THIS IS MY HOBBY, LYNN! I PUTTER AROUND IN THE GARDEN IN MY SPARE TIME! COME SEE THE SPECIAL BOWER I BUILT!



WHY---WHY, IT HAS MY NAME IN FLOWERS! WHEN DID YOU FIX THAT? YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I'D COME!

I FIXED THAT LONG AGO, LYNN--WHEN I COULD ONLY HOPE YOU'D COME SOME DAY! I'VE WAITED A LONG AND LONELY TIME FOR YOU TO DISCOVER IT!



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YOU SEE, OEAR, I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU SINCE THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU! BUT YOU ALWAYS SEEMED TO HATE ME SO BITTERLY!

NO? YOU CAN'T MEAN IT! STOP...!



I DO MEAN IT, LYNN! I'M A BACHELOR WITH FIFTY MILLION ADMIRERS AND A LONELY BABY! WOULD YOU CONSIDER MARRYING SUCH A COMBINATION?

STOP IT! IT ISN'T FAIR! YOU HAO NO RIGHT TO BRING ME HERE!



LET ME GO! I CAN'T STAND ANY MORE OF IT! I HATE YOU!

LYNN! PLEASE, OARLING...!

Suddenly I whirled ond ron ---ron away from Roger... but I couldn't run dwoy from my breaking heart!



I ran all the way home! And then in my room...

LIAR! CHEAT! *THAT'S* HOW BAD YOU WANT ME! FIFTY DOLLARS' WORTH! HOW LOW CAN SOME PEOPLE STOOP TO WIN A FILTHY BET?



HE WANTS AN ANSWER, DOES HE? I'LL GIVE HIM MY ANSWER--TOMORROW ON THE SET! IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY! AND I'LL LAUGH IN HIS LYING FACE! SOBES!



I cried most of the night, but by the time I was back to the set, my tears were exhausted and only my bitter onger remained!

LYNN, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! I HAO SOMETHING MORE TO SAY LAST NIGHT, BUT YOU RAN AWAY TOO SOON!

DO TELL ME, DARLING! I'M DYING TO HEAR WHAT IT IS!



IT'S ABOUT THAT FIFTY-DOLLAR BET, OEAR!

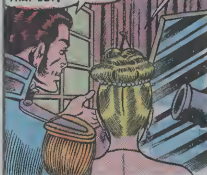
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OF COURSE I KNEW, DEAR! WE SAW YOU SOMING IN THAT MIRROR! MAC KNEW HOW I FELT AND AGREED TO HELP ME BY PRETENDING TO MAKE THAT BET!

SOB? YET YOU PRETENDED YOU L-LOVED ME! YOU CHEAT!



YES, LYNN! I THOUGHT YOU'D BE SO FURIOUS YOU'D DECIDE TO PLAY ALONG AND HOPE TO TRAP ME---JUST AS YOU DID!

I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY...?



YOU HAD ME SO WRONG, DEAR! I HOPED IF YOU'D GIVE ME HALF A CHANCE TO BE WITH YOU, I COULD PROVE HOW DIFFERENT I REALLY AM! IT WAS A TRICK BUT NOT WHAT YOU THOUGHT!



While my brain still reeled and my heart went crazy, Mac, the other actor, came strolling up, grinning!

IS IT A DEAL, ROG? I PUT THE FIFTY INTO ORCHIDS FOR THE LUCKY GIRL, THE WAY YOU TOLD ME!

THEN IT'S TRUE! YOU---YOU DID DO IT JUST TO GET ME TO LISTEN TO YOU AND STOP FIGHTING EVERY TIME WE MET!



OH, ROGER, I'VE BEEN SUCH A FOOL---SUCH A SILLY, TEMPERMENTAL IDIOT! HOW COULD YOU WANT SUCH A BAD-TEMPERED BRAT?

I CAN'T HELP MYSELF, DEAR! MEG FELL FOR YOU AND I PROMISED SHE COULD HAVE YOU FOR A MOTHER!



I LOVE HER, ROG! SHE'S A SWEET, WONDERFUL LITTLE GIRL! I'LL LIKE BEING A MOTHER TO HER!

THEN LET'S CALL IT A DEAL AND GET TO WORK! WE'RE USING UP EXPENSIVE SHOOTING TIME WITH THIS SPARRING AROUND!



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